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In the application of: :  
GARY DEAN LAVON, et al. : Confirmation No.: 4421  
Serial No.: 08/828,005 : Group Art Unit: 3761  
Filed: March 27, 1997 : Examiner: Karin Reichle

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This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4). Applicants have not received a first Office Action after filing a Request For Continued Examination (RCE). Therefore, no fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that this paper is crossing in the mail with a first Office Action on the merits, authorization is hereby given to charge the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate of this letter (or a fee transmittal form) is enclosed to facilitate charging of the fee, if necessary.

Statement(s) Regarding Previous Citations of References

It is respectfully noted that the citation by the Examiner of a U.S. Patent to Morstad in the Notice of References Cited in the Office Action mailed on 15 January 2003 appeared to list the patent number "2,532,340". However, no such patent to Morstad exists. It is supposed that the intended reference was probably to U.S. Patent No. 2,832,346, which was issued in the name of Morstad on 29 April 1958. Assuming that this is, in fact, the intended reference, it is requested that the listing be rewritten in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

It is also noted that, due to an inadvertent error, the applicant's name in the Chinese reference CN 2073744U was listed as "Shuanggen" in the IDS submitted on 12 January 2004. The actual family name of the applicant is YAN and Shuanggen is the applicant's given name. It is requested that the listing be corrected in order to ensure that the correct citation will be listed on the face of any patent granted from the present Application.

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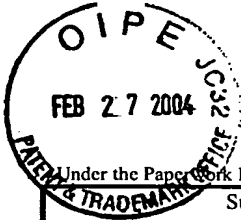
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